



DANVERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: August 19 & September 9, 2019

The following is a summary of two School Committee Meetings, which took place on August 19, 2019 and September 9, 2019. To watch the meetings, please visit [Danvers Community Access TV](#).

ITEMS OF INTEREST



All DPS faculty & staff participated in SEL activities



Danvers families shared first day of school photos



DPS welcomes 25 new teachers this year

1. WELCOME!

- Danvers High School is pleased to welcome Peter DiMauro as a new Assistant Principal
- Danvers Public Schools welcomes 25 new teachers to our seven schools
- We also welcome 7 Salem State graduate students as SSU Fellows for a year-long immersion into teaching.

2. OPENING DAY 2019-2020

- All our faculty and staff participated in a whole day of Social Emotional Learning activities.
- This year, all educators will be learning about the 5 Social Emotional Learning competencies before beginning our more formal work with students.
[#workingtogetherforallourstudents](#)

3. THANK YOU DANVERS DPW

- Thank you Danvers DPW for your work over the summer - all our schools look amazing! Thank you for Highlands Elementary School's new roof and the NEW Smith School site prep work.

4. SCHOOL SAFETY

- Danvers Police and Fire departments along with school administrators met to review our schools' safety and fire drills.
- Each school in our district has a school based medical response team, who will be CPR certified in the month of October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/7 [DanversCARES](#) meeting, DHS Library, 9am-10am
- 10/7 [School Committee Meeting](#) at Danvers High, Rm E105, 7pm
- 10/7 10am [NEW Smith School Project](#) breaking ground ceremony - all are invited to attend
- 10/16 [DEEP](#) meeting, First Ipswich Bank, 7:45am-8:45am



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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Our school community is driven by our four core values of **caring, quality, commitment and collaboration**. We strive to translate these values into our daily activities and actions while we focus on our yearly goals that prioritize student engagement and social and emotional learning. The following examples illustrate how each grade level in our district is meeting and exceeding our [strategic plan](#).

- **Safe and Supportive Learning Environments**
→ Social Emotional Learning
- **Coherent Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment**
→ Multi-Tiered System of Support for Teachers. STEM courses through innovation pathways for students.
- **Student Engagement**
→ Project Based Learning

ELEMENTARY

Each of our Elementary Schools are starting their day with a 15 minute Social Emotional Learning block.

Thanks to a DEEP grant, Riverside and Thorpe have installed “Sensory hallways” to provide brain breaks for improved focus in the classroom, and to promote balance and spatial awareness.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Many teachers participated in a week long course this summer about Project Based Learning. PBL promotes student engagement through hands-on learning and collaboration.

HRMS is now offering a new computer science course thanks to Project Lead the Way.

HIGH SCHOOL

A Skill Capital Grant will support our launch of Innovation Pathways in business and finances, environmental and life sciences, health care and social assistance, information technology, and manufacturing.

These classes provide hands on experience and allow students to explore a wide range of career opportunities within the classroom.

SMITH SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE



- OCTOBER 2019: Breaking Ground - ceremony 10/7 10am
- NOVEMBER 2019: Foundation
- Have more questions? [Please see the town hall website here](#)

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